Board have also undertaken Darjeeling and Assam Logo Campaign in U.K.

In order to improve standards of packaging in respect of tea produced in India, exporters have been advised time and again to improve the packaging standards so as to match the international requirements. A scheme sponsored by Tea Board for improvement of packaging of tea specially for the purpose of export has been launched recently by the Indian Institute of Packaging.

TEA PRODUCTION

2366. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that India's tea production is not likely to touch the target fixed during 1993;

(b) if so what is the target and the likely production; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Targets for production of tea is fixed on the basis of financial year i.e. April to March. For 1993-94, it is fixed at 730 million kgs. subject to favourable weather conditions. Given the present trend, this target is likely to be achieved with a production slightly over 730 million kgs.

(c) Does not arise.

LOANS FOR PRAWN FARMING

2367. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government are granting loans for prawn farming which is a foreign exchange earning trade; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to investigate areas where this industry may be started with Central Aid ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) No Sir, Government does not provide any loan. However many commercial and scheduled banks and other financial institutions like IFCI, IRBI, ICICI are providing loans to support techno economically viable aquaculture projects.

(b) Besides credit facilities as above MPEDA provide subsidy assistance as well as equity participation.

COMPLAINTS REGARDING DUMPING

2368. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been complaints of dumping Industries; if so, the names of the Industries effected because of the dumping;

(b) what measures Government propose to take to arrest the dumping; and

(c) whether Government would consider short listing the items being dumped thereby affected the Indian Industries ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) The Designated Authority, under the Indian Customs Tariff Act 1975 as Amended in 1982 and the Customs Tariff Rules there under, has received complaints from the domestic industry alleging dumping of certain Chemicals, petrochemicals, drugs and intermediates etc.

The Designated Authority initiated antidumping investigations concerning import of PVC Resin, Styrene Butadiene Rubber and Bisphenol-A. The authority has recommended imposition of anti dumping duty on import of PVC Resin. In its preliminary findings concerning import of Bisphenol-A the authority found a dumping